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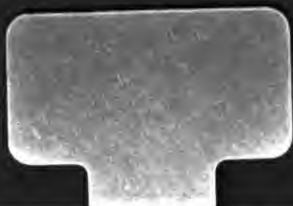
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AND TO WHICH IS ADDED  
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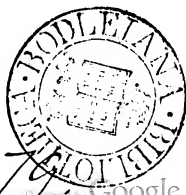
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## ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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That this Order had its origin in the most remote times, there is little doubt. *The Revd. James Anderson, D.D., published in 1723 the first book on Masonry, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge of England, an extract from which may be interesting:—*

“The Almighty Architect having created all things according to geometry, last of all formed Adam, and engraved on his heart the same noble science which Adam soon discovered by surveying his earthly paradise, and fabricating an harbour as a convenient shelter from heat, &c. When expelled from his lovely harbour, he resided in the most convenient abodes in the land of Eden, where he could be best secured from cold, heat, winds, rains, tempests, and wild beasts, till his sons grew up to form a Lodge; to them he taught geometry and the great use of it, and without which the children of men must have lived in woods, dens, caves, &c., or at best in poor huts of mud, or arbours made of the branches of trees, &c. . . . Tubal Cain wrought in metals. Jubal elevated music, and Jabal extended his tents.

Adam was succeeded in the grand direction of the Craft by Seth, Enoch, Cainan, Mahalabel, and Jared, whose son Enoch was expert and bright both in the science and in the art; and, being a prophet, he foretold the destruction of the earth for sin—first by water, and afterwards by fire. . . . At last, when the world’s destruction drew nigh, God commanded Noah to build the great Ark, or floating castle, and his three sons assisted like a deputy and two Wardens. That edifice, though of wood only, was fabricated by geometry as nicely as any stone building; like true ship-building at this day—a curious and large piece of

architecture, and finished when Noah entered his six-hundredth year; aboard which he and his sons and their four wives passed, and having received the cargo of animals by God's direction, they were saved in the Ark, while the rest perished in the flood for their immorality and unbelief; and so from these Masons, or four Grand Officers, the whole present race of mankind are descended.

After the flood, Noah and his three sons, having preserved the knowledge of the arts and sciences, commended it to their growing offspring; and it came to pass, as they moved from the East towards the West, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and dwelt together as sons of Noah the name Masons first became known by, according to some old traditions. (?) When Peleg was born there at Hebea, after the flood one hundred and one years, Father Noah partitioned the earth, ordering them to disperse and take possession, but from a fear of the consequences of separation, they resolved to keep together. Nimrod, the son of Cush, the eldest son of Ham, was at the head of those who would not disperse; or if they must separate, they resolved to transmit their memorial illustrious to all future ages, and so employed themselves under Grand Master Nimrod, in the large and fertile vale of Shinar along the banks of the Tigris, in building a stately tower and city, the largest work that ever the world saw, and soon filled the vale with splendid edifices. But they over-built it, and knew not when to desist, till their vanity provoked their Maker to confound their grand design by confounding their speech: hence the city was called Babel, confusion. Thus they were forced to disperse about fifty three years after they began to build, or after the flood one hundred and fifty-four years. When the general migration from Shinar commenced, they went

off at various times and travelled North, South, East, and West, with their mighty skill, and found the good use of it in settling their colonies.

But Nimrod went no further than the land of Assyria, and founded the first great empire at his Capital, Nineveh, where he reigned. Under him flourished many learned mathematicians, whose successors were long afterwards called Chaldees and Magicians; and though many of them turned image worshippers, yet even that idolatry occasioned an improvement in the art of designing; for Ninus, king of Nineveh and Assyria, ordered his best artists to frame the statue of Baal, that was worshipped in a gorgeous temple.

To this extract from Dr. Anderson we must add, that the antients were not only accustomed to carry about with them small navicular shrines, but sometimes built their temples in the form of the Ark. Diodorus Siculus mentions that Sesostris constructed an ark which was 280 cubits long, and adds that it was made of cedar; that it was covered with plates of gold and silver, and that it was dedicated to Osiris, and from its being placed at the City of Theba it is sufficiently evident, both from the preceding description of the Ark, its being placed in the inland district of Thebais; from its being dedicated to Osiris, that it never was designed for a voyage at sea. It was, in fact, an immense navicular temple built in imitation of the Ark, used for the solemn performance of the diluvian mysteries. Hence the Greeks designated a temple and an ark by the same word, "Naus," or "Naos," and what is doubtless a relic of the primeval Arkite of idolatry, we still call the body of a church, in contradistinction to the chancel, the nave or ark. As to the Ark itself, we are informed that houses of wood are and have been for centuries made abroad fastened together with wooden pins, not an atom of

iron being used in their construction ; and that a house of this character is as perfect a piece of workmanship as a stone house.

Josephus, in his antiquities, says, "Now all the writers of barbarian histories make mention of this flood and of this Ark, among whom is Berosus, the Chaldean ; for when he is describing the circumstances of the flood, he goes on thus :—' It is said there is still some of this ship in Armenia, at the mountain of the Cordyæans, and that some people carry off pieces of the bitumen, which they carry away and use chiefly as amulets for the averting of mischiefs.' Hieronymus the Egyptian, also, who wrote the Phœnician Antiquities, and Mnaseas, and a good many more, make mention of the same—nay, Nicolaus of Damascus, in his ninety-sixth Book, hath a particular relation about them, where he speaks thus :—' There is a great mountain in Armenia, over Minyas, called Baris, upon which it is reported that many who fled at the time of the deluge were saved, and that one who was carried in an Ark came on shore upon the top of it, and that the remains of the timber were a great while preserved.' This might be the man about whom Moses the legislator of the Jews wrote." Josephus further adds that, near the mountain is a city, which the Armenians call (Αποβατήριον) *The Place of Descent*, for the Ark being saved in that place its remains are shown there by the inhabitants to this day. In a note to this passage is as follows :—"This Αποβατήριον, or *Place of Descent*, is the proper rendering of the Armenian name of this very city. It is called in Ptolemy, *Naxuana*, and by Moses Chorenensis, the Armenian historian, *Idsheuan* ; but at the place itself, *Nachidsheuan*, which signifies *The first Place of Descent*, and is a lasting monument of the preservation

of Noah in the Ark, upon the top of that mountain, at whose foot it was built, as the first city or town after the flood : and Moses Chorinensis says elsewhere that another town was related by tradition to be called *Seron*, or the *Place of Dispersion*, on account of Xisuthrus's or Noah's sons, from then first made." Whether any remains of this Ark be still preserved, as the people of the country suppose, I cannot certainly tell. Mons. Tournefort had, not very long since, a mind to see the place himself, but met with too great dangers and difficulties to venture through them.

Now, when we consider that Adam having been formed by, and directly emanating from, the Deity, we cannot for one instant doubt that he was deficient in anything that would make a man perfect in mind as well as body, for we are told in Genesis, Chap. I, v. 26 and 27 :—"And God said let us make man in our own image, after our own likeness." "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he them." So that Adam would have possessed an intuitive knowledge of all things, and such a powerful mind as we can have but little idea of; and, it may be said, a divinely prophetic spirit: and Methusaleh lived with Adam 255 years, and communicated his knowledge to his grandson Noah.

Whether the flood was total or partial (as some have supposed) the effect would be the same, especially if it was caused by the changing of the Polar line, by the attraction of a central Sun, round which it is now certain *our system* revolves, (and this would be foretold by Adam); for an immediate, though, perhaps, slow change would take place, and the vast fields of ice in the North or South Poles would be thrown towards the Equator, and would cause a deluge extending over a period of time, sufficient to destroy all

creation, not prepared and forwarned as Noah was. Such a disturbance of the ordinary course of nature would cause many things almost unexplainable; for instance, enormous blocks of stone in places where no reason can be assigned for their being there, except their having been floated by icebergs. However, the descendants of Noah no doubt soon subsided into a state of ignorance (that is, the people, for the priests or elders would have the knowledge handed down to them), and while looking to the Sun as the source of power, what should be more natural to an almost entirely agricultural people than to couple the tradition of the descent of Noah from Mount Ararat (which they would see was perpetually covered with ice and snow) with the annual return of the Sun and fertility to the valleys below? And here I think we may look for the rise of the Egyptian Noachian or diluvian mysteries, as afterwards organized by the priests and learned who, while they possessed the keys to religion, still allowed the people to have their own system of belief. The vulgar would also imagine their watching and studying the stars to be the worship of them, and thus give rise to endless superstition.

In these diluvian mysteries, which have been carried over the whole earth in a variety of forms, the rainbow is and was a celebrated symbol. The Chinese god Fohi, and the Mexican god Teolti, being only typical of Noah. the rainbow being said to be his father in both cases. But leaving these questions, we will now come to the times nearer to our own.

During some part of the eighteenth century, Royal Ark Masonry was much in favor, and practised. It has been discovered that, in the year 1772, a Grand Lodge was re-constituted, and a Warrant is in the

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possession of the Supreme Grand Commander of the Order, together with several documents relating to Ark Masonry and the Excellent Masters' Degrees which have always been allied with it. This Warrant or Charter, sanctioned by the Grand Lodges of England, under the Old Constitutions, before the Union in 1813, is dated November, 1793, and informs us that H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence had been pleased to accept the Grand Command of the Order, and is signed by several distinguished Masons of the period. Seals are appended to it, and it is considered by those who have seen it to be a curious and valuable document. Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Sussex and Kent were members of the Order, and that they were so is within the memory of several of our oldest Masons now living. This Grand Lodge has been in existence down to the last year (1870), and the Warrant has been transmitted from one to another with the powers kept alive, and with the full authority unimpaired, when Bro. Dorrington, the surviving Grand Commander, unwilling that the knowledge of this portion of antient Masonry should perish, and not being in sufficiently good health to attend a meeting away from his own house at Bow, called together some Royal Ark Mariners and invested Bro. Morton Edwards as his Pro-Grand Commander, with full authority to act and convene meetings of Royal Ark Mariners, re-organizing a Grand Lodge, &c., &c.

The position the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner has always held in Scotland is this, that it is never given to any Brother who is not a Royal Arch Mason. It is worked extensively over the whole continent of America, very much in India, and in many of the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire.

In London it has been worked from the year 1772, and long previously to the present time; and on the 13th May, 1870, a special meeting was held at Bro. Dorrington's (the Grand Commander of the Order) house, at Bow, when the G.C., assisted by Bro. Harris, invested Bro. Morton Edwards as Pro. Grand Commander of the Order; the appointment was signed by the G.C., who also handed over to Bro. Edwards the Warrant for the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of 1793, in which H.R.H. was solicited to take, and did accept, the office of Grand Commander of the Order of Royal Ark Mariners, and appointed to office some Brethren whose names were appended as before stated. The S.G.C. requested Bro. Edwards to act as Grand Scribe until he should find a qualified Brother whom, with others, he could appoint to Grand Office, and authorised him to make such rules and regulations as were necessary—binding by solemn promise to do his best to restore this portion of Antient Masonry to its former position if possible.

Special meetings were held on the 23rd and 24th May, when several Royal Ark Mariners were affiliated to the Order, several Brethren elevated according to antient custom, and finally a sufficient number of the Present and Past Commanders of the Order on the 24th May, being appointed by the Pro. G.C. to office *pro. tem.*, constituted themselves (by virtue of the powers contained in the original warrant and by the G.C. Bro. Dorrington's authorisation) the Grand Lodge—and accordingly the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners for England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire was declared



reorganized, and opened in ample form and with solemn prayer by Bro. Morton Edwards, Pro. Grand Commander, assisted by the Officers of the Grand Lodge. Having informed the Brethren that it was Bro. Dorrington's intention to retire from the Grand Command of the Order on the 21st June, Bro. Morton Edwards was elected Supreme Grand Commander; but he informed the Royal Ark Mariners present that he did not propose to continue in the Office for more than twelve months, if indeed so long, as in all probability an older and more distinguished Alason than himself would take that position, but that in the meantime he hoped to be able to reorganize the Order and hand it over to his successor in a proper condition. An application having been previously made by Bro. Cubitt and others for a Lodge to be called the Royal Clarence, the subscription to which was to be moderate, it was arranged that it should, if possible, be inaugurated on the 21st June, before the opening of the Grand Lodge, and that it should be previously duly notified in the Masonic papers that a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge would be inaugurated on that day and afterwards a Grand Lodge held, and that all duly qualified past Noah's or Commanders should be thus invited to attend. In consequence of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters claiming to have the power to work the Royal Ark Mariners Degrees, correspondence and meetings took place, when it was arranged that in order that the Grand Master and Officers of the Mark Degree should have an opportunity of judging as to the merits of the Degree, there should be a meeting held without prejudice to the claims of either, when the Grand Master of the Mark Degree, the Rev. G. R. Portal; W. W. Beach, Past G.M.;

Bros. W. Stone, F. J. Cox, J. S. Gower, T. H. Wyme, S. Rosenthal, E. Frolich (Chevalier of the Order of Vasa Sweden), were duly elevated as Royal Ark Mariners by Bro. Morton Edwards, Pro. G.C.

This enquiry was the more readily acceded to as the Royal Ark Mariners claimed by immemorial custom to have the right to work the Degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master, and it was hoped that either party would disclaim its intention to work the other Degrees, or that an arrangement for union or attachment of the Royal Ark Mariner to the Mark Degree much in the same manner as the Royal Arch to the Craft would be come to.

On the 21st June a meeting of Royal Ark Mariners was held, when, as the arrangements for the inauguration of the Royal Clarence were not completed, Lodges to be called the Royal Clarence No. 1 and the Prince of Wales No. 2 was opened by dispensation.

Bro. Morton Edwards	as	Commander.
„ Col. F. Burdett	„	Past Commander.
„ T. G. Marsh	„	J.
„ A. Harris	„	S.
„ G. Hart	„	Deacon.
„ C. H. Cox	„	Scribe.
„ Gilbert	„	Warder.

Several Brethren were properly prepared, signed, and were duly admitted, among others, Bros. Lord Lindsay, Joshua Nunn, C. J. B. Plestow, A. D. Loewenstark, C. Lacey, H. Massey, H. M. Green, J. Purnell, J. L. Kennedy, and W. Lowder. An assembly of Commanders being then formed, these Brethren, with several others, had that Degree conferred on them by dispensation. The Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was then held, and the Enthronement of Bro. Morton Edwards as Grand

Commander took place, the ceremony of investment was performed by Bro. J. G. Marsh, assisted by Bro. Col. Burdett, Bro. S. Rosenthal acting as G. Supt. of Ceremonies, and Bro. E. Hart as Grand Organist, Bro. Morton Edwards was invested by Bro. J. G. Marsh (Grand Supt. of Works) with the Collar and Jewel of the Office, and proclaimed as Supreme Grand Commander of the Order of Royal Ark Mariners for twelve months, and until his successor should be proposed, duly elected, and enthroned. The Grand Commander then appointed several of his Grand Officers, among others:—

Bro. Col. F. Burdett to Deputy Grand Commander and Inspector-General of Middlesex, and the appointment being accepted by Bro. Col. Burdett he was invested.

Bro. Lord Lindsey, G.J., and Inspector-General for Lancashire, which appointment being duly accepted he was invested.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, G.S., Bro. Capt. Irwin, Inspector-General for Somersetshire, together with several others whose names will be found in the list of Grand Officers. A short account of the prospects of the Order was given by the S.G.C., and several Lodges were formed in Skeleton, so as to be enabled to hold meetings, elevate Brethren, and thus bring themselves up to proper strength—and it was ultimately arranged that for the present eight Lodges be enrolled, four London and four in different parts of the country—and as it was stated that there was a prospect of amalgamation with the Mark Degree. Grand Lodge was closed and adjourned till details could be arranged and until next summoned. On this occasion a very *recherche* banquet was prepared and partaken of by nearly all of the Royal Ark Mariners.

In consequence of the continued negotiations with the authorities of the Mark Degree on the 30th June, a meeting of the Grand Council or Executive Committee of the Royal Ark Mariners was held, they having been nominated in the meantime by the S.G.C., and some of the Mark Degree being admitted some discussion ensued, but as no present arrangement could be come to, the meeting was adjourned.

On the 29th July a second meeting of the Grand Council was held, and the S.G.C. stated that in consequence of correspondence between himself and the Grand Master of the Mark Degree, the latter had suggested that a memorial be presented to him to ask the Grand Lodge of the Mark Degree to act upon, therefore it only remained for this Board to recommend its adoption to a Special Meeting, summoned for a later hour, for the purpose of considering it. This meeting was held, and the clauses in the Memorial and Treaty combined, put one by one, and though in some cases altered a little, carried. All proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners were agreed to be deferred until after the 2nd August, when the Grand Lodge of the Mark would meet, and to be then summoned.

The S.G.C. was invited to attend a meeting of the Mark authorities when the treaty was signed and sealed by the Grand Master of the Mark Degree and the Grand Commander of Royal Ark Mariners, and at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Mark on the 2nd August, a summary of the stipulations contained in the Treaty (then produced) was read, and this Treaty, or Articles of Union, was carried unanimously. A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Mark was held on the 6th December, when the Grand

Master of the Mark stated that he had received several communications from Brothers claiming the right to work the Ark Degree, showing that they were aggrieved by not having been consulted, and as he had no desire to give offence he should move that the Articles of Union be omitted and be not confirmed. This was opposed by those present who represented the Royal Ark Mariners, and wished the Treaty carried out in its entirety if it was to be carried out at all, and it was ultimately thrown out—the negotiations falling to the ground. In the meantime several new Lodges having been applied for they were now granted, and many Brethren of influence and position were elevated to the Degree. Many colonial and provincial appointments were solicited and accepted, and Grand Officers commissioned and empowered to organise the scattered elements of the Order in their several provinces, districts, and Commandaries, and friendly relations were entered into with Royal Ark Mariners abroad.

A Royal Ark Lodge of Instruction was opened and is held every Monday evening during the winter at the Lyceum Tavern, Strand, at seven o'clock, for the purpose of giving the Brethren every opportunity of perfecting themselves in the ceremonies of the Order.

An influential meeting of the Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, as under, the account of which is taken from the *Freemason*:—

#### GRAND LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

A Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 9th inst., at seven o'clock. Present: Bros. Morton Edwards, M.W.S.G.C.; R. W. Little, P.D.G.C.; F. Binckes, P.N.;

Hyde Pullen, P.N.; S. Rosenthal; A. D. Loewenstark, G. Standard-bearer; M. A. Loewenstark, G.S.; George Kenning, H. C. Levander, S. M. Lazarus, H. Massey, W. B. Church, J. W. Barrett, J. Rosenthal, W. H. Hubbard, J. F. Starkey, A. Harris, G. Hart, M. Emanuel, E. H. Finney, John Read, Waters, and Longstaff. Bro. Morton Edwards, M.W.S.G.C., in the chair.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of meetings of 21st and 30th June, 29th July, and 2nd of February were read and unanimously confirmed, and letters were read from Bros. Col. Burdett (Deputy G.C.), Lord Eliot (P.N.), George Lambert (G.T.), Israel Abrahams, and other Brethren, apologising for absence.

The G.C. then stated that the meeting had been called to discuss the position the Degree now stood in, to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the attachment of this Degree to the Mark Degree, and to elect a Grand Commander for the next year.

Several letters and extracts from correspondence from Bros. Dorrington (P.G.C.), Thompson, Vesper, Greenwood, Pilling, and other Royal Ark Mariners, were read, by which it was shown that the degree had been extensively practised during the eighteenth century, and had been worked in various parts of the country and abroad since then and up to the present time. Bro. Edwards had been invested with power from Bro. Dorrington, the P.G.C., to re-open dormant, and found fresh lodges, and call a Grand Lodge together under his authority and that of a Warrant for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in 1793 by several distinguished Masons of that

period, when H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence accepted the Grand Command of the Order. This was done on the 21st June, when, on Bro. Dorrington retiring, Bro. Edwards was regularly invested and enthroned M.W.S.G.C., and appointed a number of officers, at a very influential and successful meeting. Since that period negotiations have been entered into with the Mark Degree for the attachment of the Royal Ark Mariners to it—much in the same manner as the Royal Arch to the Craft—which required some meetings still to complete; but in the interval the Order had been making rapid progress. Ten Lodges had been either reopened or founded, other applications received, several Inspector-Generals had been appointed for provinces at home and abroad, and Warrants and Certificates could now be granted, for which application should be made to the G. Scribe, Bro. Loewenstark. The Mark Degree would, after the 21st June, take over the greater part of the management of the Royal Ark Mariners' Order, if the Grand Master of the Mark Degree, the Rev. G. R. Portal, be elected and enthroned as Grand Commander; but it was necessary that the arrangement for the attachment should be carefully made, so as to secure the rights of this Degree to the members.

Considerable discussion now ensued, in which Bros. Binckes, Little, S. Rosenthal, A. D. Loewenstark, and Lazarus took part, Bro. Binckes stating that he considered the arrangements all but confirmed, and that no difficulty whatever would be experienced in coming to terms. But the real difficulty, he went on to say, was this: Did this Grand Lodge still wish to exercise supreme authority, or did it not; or, on the other hand, was it willing to

give it up to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters? If the Grand Ark wished to resign to Grand Mark Lodge a nominal allegiance and retain the real power, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters would not concede to those terms. If Grand Ark wished to surrender its powers to Grand Mark Lodge, and have it work the Degree, then there was no difficulty in carrying that understanding into effect; but Grand Mark Lodge would not go so far as to come to an arrangement by which two concurrent supreme jurisdictions should be allowed to exist.

The M.W.S.G.C. stated that he expected to have seen three times the number of Royal Ark Mariners present, and he felt that the meeting consequently did not entirely represent the Order, but that which was wanted was this: that the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners should be merged into a Council, to work as a Lodge, which all Present and Past Commanders and all Present J.'s and S.'s should be entitled to attend, and rank as members; that a Working Committee or Board of Advice be formed to advise the Grand Commander on Royal Ark matters; that all fees should be the property of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners to the 21st June, which would enable them to pay for their furniture, clothing, &c., and probably leave a surplus part of which would go for charitable purposes, and part towards an installation banquet. The Grand Officers to pay fees of office, to have their past rank confirmed, and that all these fees for office and dispensation fees be the property of this Body, which would thus efficiently represent the Royal Ark Mariners' Order.

Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Past Deputy Grand Commander, then stated that Bro. Portal had done



him the honour to show him a programme which he meant to submit to this Grand Lodge. He believed it met all the conditions previously arranged, and went further, and conceded that the officers of this Lodge should wear their Collars in Grand Mark Lodge. Again, this Lodge was to retain all its fees until it had paid the debts it had incurred for clothing, &c. He thought the Grand Master had met, or endeavoured to meet, them in an amicable spirit, and there was probably no Brother in the room who did not wish to see the Treaty carried out in the fullest extent.

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark then moved that, "The Rev. Bro. G. R. Portal be elected Grand Commander, the Enthronement to take place on the 21st June." The motion was seconded by Bro. Levander.

The G.C. then put the motion, and it being carried unanimously, he declared the Rev. G. R. Portal to be the Grand Commander-elect.

Bro. A. D. Loewenstark also moved—"That a Committee be formed of the M.W.S.G.C. and five members of this, as well as of Grand Mark Lodge, to arrange the difficulties in the meantime." This was seconded by Bro. Levander, and carried unanimously.

The Committee was then appointed as under:—The M.W.S.G.C., Bros. Joshua Nunn, Harris, E. H. Finney, A. D. Loewenstark, and M. Emanuel.

Bro. Binckes stated that he should immediately take the necessary steps to call together the Committee of the Mark Degree, consisting of the Grand Master and five members of that Degree.

The M.W.S.G.C. informed the Brethren that having been so successful in the efforts made to restore this ancient Order to something like its former dignity, and having been so ably seconded by his G. Officers and

Royal Ark Mariners generally, he should not relax his endeavours to render it as influential and numerous as possible, in order to hand over to the Grand Commander-elect a powerful and well-organised body of Brethren, and which must be a source of gratification to both Degrees.

There being no further business, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The appearance of the rooms on this occasion was certainly picturesque and handsome in the extreme, the Brethren wearing the Grand Clothing, Jewels, &c., of the Order.

At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on February 20th—present: Bro. Morton Edwards, M.W.S.G.C.; Bro. Nicholson, Inspector-General; Captain J. B. Payne, Inspector-General; A. D. Loewenstark, M. Emanuel, F. W. Koch, and several other Grand Officers and Royal Ark Masons, it was proposed, seconded, and duly carried, that the statutes, warrants, certificates, already approved, be immediately printed for use. It was also proposed by Bro. J. B. Payne, and seconded by A. D. Loewenstark, that a testimonial be presented to Bro. Morton Edwards, M.W.S.G.C., if possible previous to his going out of office, for recognition of his services to the Order; that a committee be formed for the purpose; that the M.W.G.C. Elect (Bro. G. R. Portal) be solicited to take the position of president, and that the Grand Scribe be requested to act as secretary to such committee. This was carried unanimously. Notice of motion was also then given by Bro. A. D. Loewenstark that a sum be taken from the Lodge Funds of not less than ten guineas towards it. On the 27th of February a meeting of the Grand

Lodge was held, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, Superintendent General, took the chair, and the motion that a sum of not less than ten guineas from the Grand Lodge Funds be devoted to the testimonial to Bro. Morton Edwards, M.W.S.G.C., was carried unanimously. It was also agreed that the list of Grand Officers be printed with the statutes.

A meeting of the Grand Council was held at the office of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, 2, Devereux-court, Temple, London, on March 2nd, 1871. A letter was read from Bro. F. Binckes, G.S. of the Mark Degree, appointing March 7th for the meeting of the joint committee, as arranged on February 9th, in the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. The statutes were brought up and read, and settled to stand as printed, after being corrected, and certain terms were proposed to take the place of the treaty thrown out by the Mark authorities. Some appointments to Grand Offices were made, and warrants granted.

The Grand Council met at Devereux Court on Tuesday the 7th March, when those present—viz., Bros. Morton Edwards, M.W.S.G.C., A. D. Loewenstark, Inspector-General; F. W. Koch, Deputy Inspector-General; M. Emanuel, G. Sword-bearer; and M. A. Loewenstark, Grand Scribe, after some slight discussion, proceeded to Red Lion Square to meet the Mark Committee, when it was ultimately agreed by the Joint Committee to a basis of arrangement for the proposed attachment of the Royal Ark Mariners to the Mark Degree, partly from the conditions agreed to on the 2nd March by the Grand Council of the Royal Ark Mariners, to be presented to the Mark authorities, and partly on the Treaty thrown

out at the Grand Mark Lodge on December 6th, 1870. In the meantime, however, the Grand Mark Lodge issued a circular, and their report, stating that the G.L. of R.A.M. had ceased to exist, and that they were prepared to issue warrants, to work the degree, and register Members. This was inaccurate, as they were drafting a treaty—which treaty, when brought before the Grand Council of R.A.M., was found to differ in several material points from the arrangements made at the joint meeting. The Grand Council, therefore, had no alternative but to reject it, leaving it open for the G. Mark Lodge to re-open negotiations; and the following letter was sent to the Grand Secretary of Grand Mark Lodge:—

“ Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners,  
 “ Office, 1, Devereux Court, Strand,  
 “ London, W.C., June 6th, 1871.

“ The W. Bro. Fredk. Binckes,  
 “ Grand Secretary G.L.M.M.

“ W. Sir and Brother,—At a meeting of the Grand Council of the Order of the Royal Ark Mariners, held on the 30th May last, the draft of the proposed treaty between the G.L. of R.A.M. and the G.L. of M.M., prepared by you, was submitted, and after a long discussion, it was unanimously resolved, ‘That as it differed considerably from what had been agreed upon as the proposed basis of a treaty to be concluded between the two bodies, at the joint meeting of representatives held on March 7th last at Red Lion Square, the treaty be rejected.’

“ I have therefore to inform you that a cheque will be forwarded for the amount advanced by the G.L.M.M.

towards preliminary expenses for proposed attachment of the R.A.M. to the M.M. degree, less the cost of meetings, &c., &c., held by desire of and at the request of the G.L.M.M., as soon as the items of expenditure have been ascertained.

“ I remain, W. Sir and Brother,

“ Yours fraternally,

“ (Sd.) M. A. LOEWENSTARK, G.S.”

The Mark Grand Lodge having now issued a further circular, to the effect that they would grant warrants, &c., at half our fees, the following protest has been issued by the M.W.S.G.C. of R.A.M. :—

“ Devereux Court, Temple,

“ London, WC.,

“ 20th June, 1871.

“ Sir and Brother,—I am directed by the M.W. Grand Commander of the Order of R.A.M. for England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire, to express to the Grand Lodge of M.M. Masons the great regret he feels that they should have published their intention to grant warrants to Mark Lodges to work the degrees of the Order of Royal Ark Mariners. The Grand Commander of R.A.M. enters his protest against this attack on the rights of R.A.M. by a body which has not the slightest title to interfere with an Order conferring a set of degrees higher than that of Mark Master Mason ; the more especially as the Grand Lodge of R.A.M. have an undoubted and long-exercised right to confer the degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master. This right, however, they are willing to waive, provided their jurisdiction over other degrees is not interfered with.

“ The G.C. of R.A.M. desires to place on record the following facts :—

“1.—That the English Order of Royal Ark Mariners, with its various degrees, has existed from time immemorial, and has had a Grand Lodge for nearly one hundred years. It has never been subordinate either to the United Grand Lodge or the Grand Chapter of England, and while the Scottish Branch of the Order is allied with, and under the control of, the Grand Chapter of Scotland, yet the order is never given to any Brother unless he is a Royal Arch Mason, and the R.A. Mariners have their own office bearers, separate books, &c.

“2.—That this Grand Lodge has had a continuous working long before and since 1793, when H.R.H. The Duke of Clarence was elected to and did accept the Grand Command of the Order. The Documents proving which are now in the possession of the G.C. of the R.A. Mariners.

“3.—That by this Grand Lodge, so constituted, during the past year 24 warrants have been issued or applied for, some of which are in various parts of the Globe, so that very shortly it is hoped a R.A. Mariner may find a Lodge with Brethren of his own jurisdiction or order, in the principal places of the world.

“4.—The Grand Lodge of M.M.M. was not formed until 1856 and until the last year have never claimed to have the right to work anything else but the Mark Master Degree; consequently in this invasion of the Royal Ark Mariners' jurisdiction a modern organization of Mark Masters is claiming authority over an Order working higher Degrees than its own, and endeavouring to coerce a Grand Lodge nearly a century its senior at least. This authority the G.C. entirely repudiates.

“5.—The G. Commander is well aware that the excuse offered for this unmasonic act, on the part of the Grand Mark Lodge, is, that the

G.M.M. is *ex officio* G.C. of R.A.M.; this is contradicted by its own shewing, for if the G.M.M. was G.C. of R.A.M. the G.C. of R.A.M. would, *ex officio*, be the legal G.M.M. The G. Lodge of R.A.M. having been in existence for more than three-quarters of a century previous to the establishment of the G.M.L. and having exercised power over the Mark and other allied Degrees.

“The G.C. of R.A.M. must certainly condemn, in the strongest terms, the recent circular of the Mark Grand Lodge, in which a premium (so to say) is offered to R.A.M.’s to desert their allegiance, and offering to give, at half-price, spurious and counterfeit Ark Mariner Degrees.

“It is urged that the recognition of a Supreme jurisdiction over the R.A.M. Degrees would be an anomaly. It is scarcely more so than the recognition of an authority over the Mark Degree. While, however, fully admitting the right of Royal Ark Mariners elsewhere to place themselves under the jurisdiction of their respective Grand Lodges, where such Grand Lodges recognize the Royal Ark Mariner Degrees, the G.C. of R.A.M. has simply to vindicate the time immemorial supremacy of the Grand Lodge of R.A.M., and to maintain its right to authority over the Order, and to protest against the unwarrantable aggressions which are threatened by the G. Mark Lodge.

“The G.C. of R.A.M. is most sincerely anxious that brotherly friendship and mutual good feeling should subsist between all Ark Mariners as individuals; but the G.C. can in no way recognize the warrants or certificates issued by the G. Mark Lodge.

“I am, Sir and Brother,

“Yours fraternally,

“M. A. LOEWENSTARK, *Grand Scribe*, R. A. M.

“To the Grand Secretary,

“G. Mark Lodge, London.”

# THE SUMMER MEETING

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF THE

Ancient and Honourable Order

OF

## ROYAL ARK MARINERS

Was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 21st June. The M.W.S.G.C., Bro. Morton Edwards, took the chair, having Bros. J. O. Oxland, Inspector-General, as G.S.W.; F. W. Koch, Inspector-General, as G.J.W.; M. A. Loew - stark, G. Scribe; M. Emmanuel, G.S.B.; G. F. Henly and T. W. White, as G.T.B.; H. Massey, G. Steward; E. H. Thiellay, George Neall, J. Stevens, P.N.'s; Funkensztein, G. Guardian; Laing, G. Warder; Bros. Verry, Clayton, and others.

After the G. Scribe had read the minutes, the report of the Grand Council was read. It stated that they had been unable to arrange with the Mark Degree, as several important points had been left out of the draft treaty submitted to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Mark Lodge, in pursuance of the projected attachment of this degree to the Mark, and the proposed details of which were arranged for at a meeting held between the representatives of the two bodies. They had no alternative but to reject the treaty, leaving it, however, for negotiations to be re-opened. It also stated that the Order had greatly increased, and that its affairs were in a much more prosperous state than twelve months back.

Bro. Emmanuel moved, and Bro. Oxland seconded, that the report be received. (Carried.)



After considerable discussion, it was arranged the adoption of the report be deferred, and that a committee of three (viz., the M.W.S.G.C., Bro. Morton Edwards, the R.W.D.G.C., Bro. Major Finney, and the V.W.G.S.W., Bro. Oxland) be appointed to confer with the Grand Mark Master and two other Brethren of the G.M. Lodge to make a final effort to arrange matters, and to report to the Grand Lodge.

The following are the principal of the Grand Officers of the year, the rest not being filled up yet by the M.W.S.G.C., who retains his position in consequence of the G.M. Master declining to fill the throne of the R.A.M. :—

R.W. Bro.	Major Finney	...	...	D.G.C.
V.W.	„ Oxland	...	...	G.S.W.
W.	„ Joshua Nunn	...	...	G.JW.
„	„ M. A Loewenstark	...	...	G. Scribe.
„	„ T. W. White	...	...	G. Supt. of Cers.
„	„ John Read	...	...	G. Org.
„	„ G. F. Henly	...	...	G. T. Bearer.
„	„ C. Lacey	...	...	G. Guardian.
„	„ G. Neall	...	...	} G. Stewards.
„	„ J. W. Barrett	...	...	
„	„ E. H. Thiellay	...	...	
„	„ Funkensztein	...	...	
„	„ Laing	...	...	G. Warder.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the Brethren proceeded to a first-class banquet, at which the M.W.S.G.C. presided.

## TREATY

BETWEEN

Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners

AND

GRAND MARK LODGE.

In accordance with the terms of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 21st day of June, 1871, appointing the M.W.S.G.C., Bro. Morton Edwards, the R.W.D.G.C., Bro. Major Finney, and the V.W.G.S.W., Bro. J. O. Oxland, its representatives, a letter was addressed to the M.W.G.M.M.M., Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., by whom the following Brethren were appointed as the representatives of the Grand Mark Lodge, viz.:—V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, G.S.; V.W. J. Stevens, P.G.J.O.; and the W. Bro. R. W. Little, P.M., No. 1; and the said six duly authorised representatives of the respective Grand Lodges met at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 6th of July, 1871, when the following resolutions were severally and conjointly agreed to, viz.:—

*Article 1.*—The Grand Mark Master shall be regularly enthroned as Grand Commander of Royal Ark Mariners in the existing Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire.

*Article 2.*—On the enthronement of the Grand Mark Master as aforesaid in Article 1, a deed which shall have been previously executed shall be handed over by Bro. Morton Edwards, surrendering to the G.M.M., as G.M.M.M. and G.C. of R.A. Mariners and

his successors, all claims to power and authority over the degrees of Mark Man, Mark Master, Excellent Master, Super-Excellent Master, and Royal Ark Mariner, now vested in him, the said Bro. Morton Edwards, by virtue of a warrant, dated 24th of November, 1793, and under a deed executed in his favour by the late Grand Commander, Bro. John F. Dorrington, on the 13th May, 1870, such surrender as aforesaid to be endorsed on the Warrant of 24th November, 1793, and a copy of such deed of surrender to be attached thereto.

*Article 3.*—The Mark Degree to be thenceforth the supreme jurisdiction.

*Article 4.*—The title, “Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire,” shall be changed to that of “Grand Ark Council,” for the working of the Ark degree attached to the aforesaid jurisdiction.

*Article 5.*—By the enthronement of the Grand Mark Master as aforesaid in Article 1, the appointments of all Present and Past Grand Officers shall be confirmed, and they shall take rank and precedence as Past Officers of the Grand Ark Council.

*Article 6.*—The liabilities and assets of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners shall belong to and be vested in the supreme jurisdiction as aforesaid.

*Article 7.*—Pending the ratification of this Treaty, no further warrants shall be granted by the present Grand Commander of Royal Ark Mariners, nor shall any warrant for working the Royal Ark Mariners degree be issued by the Grand Mark Master.

*Article 8.*—This Treaty shall be ratified by the high-contracting parties on or before the 1st day of August, 1871.

Given under our hands, at the Freemasons’ Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, on the 6th of July, 1871.

*Representatives of G.L.R.A.M.*

(Signed)

MORTON EDWARDS, G.C.

E. H. FINNEY, D.G.C.

J. O. OXLAND, G.S.W.

*Representatives of G.L.M.*

(Signed)

FREDK. BINCKES, G.S.

JAMES STEVENS, P.G.O.

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, P.M., 1

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire, was held on Wednesday, the 9th August, 1871, at the office of the Order, 7, Gower-street, Bedford-square.

Present: Bros. Morton Edwards, M.W.S.G.C.; Major Finney, R.W.D.G.C.; F. W. Koch, Inspector-General; A. D. Loewenstark, Inspector-General, Surrey; G. F. Henley, G.T.B.; C. Lacey, G.G.; G. Neall, G.S.; and Bro. Morton Edwards, M.W.S.G.C., in the chair.

Grand Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the meeting of the 21st June read for information. Apologies were received from Bros. J. O. Oxland (through illness), V.W.G.S.W.; Joshua Nunn, V.W.G.J.W.; H. M. Green, V.W. Dep. Inspector-General, Hampshire; and others, for absence.

The Report of the Committee of three (to meet the duly-authorized representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Mark Degree) appointed at the G.L. on the 21st June was then read. It stated that the M.W.S.G.C., Bro. Morton Edwards, the R.W.D.G.C., Bro. Major Finney, and the V.W.G.S.W., Bro. J. O. Oxland, having been appointed a Committee of the G.L. of Royal Ark Mariners, they met at the office of the Order, and decided that Bro. Oxland be secretary, and commenced their labours by an investigation of the title and powers of the Royal Ark Mariners. Being fully satisfied with the result of such investigation, they next turned their attention to the state of the negotiations, and found that a letter had been received (and omitted to be read

at the G.L.) from the G.S. of the Mark Degree, Bro. Binckes, dated June 8th, 1871, asking, on the part of the G. Mark Lodge, for a meeting of representatives of the two bodies, to endeavour to reconcile the existing differences. Therefore they sent a letter to the M.W.G.M.M., Bro. Portal, notifying the fact of their appointment, and setting out five articles embodying the terms which (as they informed him) had been definitely fixed as the only basis upon which the G.L. of Royal Ark Mariners could again consent to treat. In consequence of this letter a meeting was held at which three duly-authorised representatives of the Mark Grand Lodge—viz., the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes (G.S.), V.W. Bro. J. Stevens (P.G.O.), and W. Bro. R. W. Little (P.M.)—were present; but in consequence of the absence of Bro. Oxland, nothing was done except to arrange for a meeting of the 6th July. On this occasion all being present, the authority of each set of representatives having been read, a treaty was entered into and signed. In conclusion, the Committee reported that they had spared neither time nor trouble to bring matters to an amicable settlement, and that the ulterior consequences must rest with the Mark Degree, as they had refused to ratify this treaty.

The M.W.S.G.C. said that this Grand Lodge had heard the Report of the Committee, and it was for them to decide upon the line of conduct now to be pursued. There could not be a doubt that everything had been done that could be done to meet the Mark Grand Lodge, and even concessions were made that should not have been made; but they had given way in order that, when they had to report, they might say that the matter was finally settled. There could not be a doubt that the G.L. of R. Ark Mariners had been played with by the Mark Grand Lodge, who evidently were not sincere in the desire they expressed for union.

The following resolutions were then carried unanimously :—

“ 1. That this Grand Lodge, as representing the Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners, having been a legitimate and properly-constituted body for nearly a century, stand entirely as an independent order for the future.

“ 2. That a circular, giving the necessary information, be sent to all Mark lodges, and other bodies interested, and that this G.L. be at once placed with all of those bodies who may be interested in its proceedings.

“ 3. That having the power by royal warrant of 1793 to confer the original and genuine degrees of Mark Man, Mark Master, Excellent and Super-Excellent Master, these be at once added to the working of any lodge of Royal Ark Mariners that may desire to work them.

“ 4. That so much of the statutes as relate to the above be altered, and that the dues to G.L. for future members admitted be seven shillings and sixpence, which shall include registration and certificate for all of these degrees.

“ 5. That the thanks of this G.L. be sent to those lodges who have sent a vote of confidence, endorsing the proceedings and undertaking to sustain the action of this Grand Lodge, against the circular lately issued by the Mark Grand Lodge, intimating that they would work the Royal Ark Mariner degrees.”

Some business of a formal character being then entered into, the Grand Lodge was closed, and declared adjourned until next summoned.

A Notice of Motion has been given in the Grand Chapter of Canada, by Comp. Ramsey, to the effect that the Constitution be so amended as to recognise among other orders that of the Royal Ark Mariners Degrees.

## REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

ROYAL ARK MASONS,

AS APPROVED BY THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

The Antient and Honourable Fraternity

OF

Royal Ark Mariners.

**T**HIS Fraternity having existed from time immemorial, and working by universal Constitution—We, the Supreme Grand Commander and other Officers and Brethren in open Lodge assembled, on the 20th day of February, 1871, do hereby agree to the following Regulations for the guidance of the Order from this date, revoking all others heretofore made or in operation:—

**I.**—The public interest of the Fraternity as a collective body, shall be regulated by a General Council

of all the existing Royal Ark Lodges of the English Constitution, represented by their Present and Past Commanders and Wardens, under the control of the Most Worshipful Supreme Grand Commander, and be called, "The Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire."

II.—The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall rank as follows :—

- M.W. Grand Commander.
- „ „ Past Grand Commander.
- Rt.W. Deputy Grand Commander.
- „ „ Past Deputy Grand Commander.
- V.W. Grand Senior Warden, J.
- „ „ Grand Junior Warden, S.
- „ „ Past Grand Wardens.
- „ „ Inspector-General.
- „ „ Past Inspector-General.
- „ „ Deputy Inspector-General.
- „ „ Past Deputy Inspector-General.
- W. Grand Treasurer.
- „ Past Grand Treasurer.
- „ Grand Scribe.
- „ Past Grand Scribe.
- „ Grand Registrar.
- „ Past Grand Registrar.
- „ Grand Deacons.
- „ Past Grand Deacons.
- „ Grand Superintendent of Works.
- „ Past Grand Superintendent of Works.
- „ Grand Superintendent of Ceremonies.
- „ Past Grand Superintendent of Ceremonies.
- „ Grand Sword Bearer.



- W. Past Grand Sword Bearer.
- „ Grand Standard Bearer.
- „ Past Grand Standard Bearer.
- „ Grand Organist.
- „ Past Grand Organist.
- „ Grand Torch Bearers.
- „ Past Grand Torch Bearer.
- „ Grand Guardian.
- „ Past Grand Guardian.
- „ Grand Stewards.
- „ Past Grand Steward.
- Commanders, Past Commanders and  
Wardens of Royal Ark Lodges.

III.—The regular meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be the 3rd Wednesday in February, June, and October. The election of the Grand Commander shall take place annually at the February meeting, and the enthronement at the June meeting, when the Grand Commander shall appoint his officers. The Grand Commander shall be eligible for re-election. The Grand Commander shall have been enthroned as a Commander of a Royal Ark Lodge, before he be enthroned as Grand Commander. The Past Grand Commanders shall have the additional rank and authority of Inspector-General.

IV.—The Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners being the ultimate Court of Appeal, its decisions in all matters relating to the Fraternity, or any questions affecting Royal Ark Mariners, shall be final.

V.—Inspectors-General of provinces or counties in England and Wales, or in other Dependencies of the British Empire, may be commissioned by the Grand Commander to act as his delegate in their respective

divisions (or Deputy Inspector-General when no Inspector-General is appointed). These officers shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the Order in their particular provinces, and special power to elevate Brethren as Royal Ark Mariners, they making a proper return, being answerable for all that takes place in their provinces, and transmitting all fees to the Grand Scribe. These powers may be conferred upon Brethren by the Grand Commander at his discretion.

VI.—All provincial appointments shall fall in upon every third year from this date.

VII.—All fees shall be payable to the general funds of the Order.

VIII.—The general funds of the Order shall be invested in the name of Three Trustees as soon as may be possible, one of whom shall be the Grand Treasurer, and two to be elected by the Grand Lodge.

IX.—The following fees shall be payable on first election or appointment to the under-mentioned officers :—

The Grand Commander . . .	Three Guineas.
„ Deputy Grand Commander .	Two „
„ Grand J. and S. . . . .	„ „
Other officers of the Grand Lodge	One Guinea.

Inspectors-General shall pay Two Guineas for their Commission under the Seal of the Order.

Deputy Inspectors-General One Guinea for the same.

X.—Every Regular Royal Ark Lodge shall be chartered by Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, duly signed by the Grand Commander.

and Grand Scribe, for which the sum of One Guinea shall be payable.

XI.—That on application to the Grand Scribe at No. 7, Gower Street, W.C., he will forward a Copy of Petition for a Royal Ark Lodge.

XII.—The Warrant will be delivered by the Inspector-General, or other Officer appointed to inaugurate and dedicate the new Lodge in antient and solemn form; and such Warrant cannot be removed from any place for which it is granted, without dispensation.

XIII.—A Regular Royal Ark Lodge shall consist of a  
 Commander, N.  
 Senior Warden, J.  
 Junior Warden, S.  
 Treasurer.  
 Scribe.  
 Senior Deacon.  
 Junior Deacon.  
 Director of Ceremonies.  
 Organist.  
 Guardian.  
 Steward.  
 Warder.

XIV.—A Royal Ark Lodge may, however, be allowed constitutionally to work with three Members, and be returned on the Roll of the Fraternity, in accordance with antient tradition, so long as one Member survives.

XV.—Any Royal Ark Mariner who shall have been elevated in an irregular or Foreign Lodge, may be affiliated as a Joining Member, on producing satisfactory evidence of being a Royal Ark Mason, and on taking the obligation and paying the Joining Fee of not less than Five Shillings to a Regular Royal Ark Lodge.

XVI.—The sum of Five Shillings\* shall be payable as the Registration Fee on any Brother being elevated as a Royal Ark Mariner in a Royal Ark Lodge, or by the authority of Inspector-General, and the Lodge or Inspector-General shall be bound to furnish a Grand Lodge Certificate to every Royal Ark Mariner. The Registration Fee of a Joining Member whose name shall have been previously registered, shall be Two Shillings and Sixpence. The annual dues shall be Sixpence a quarter, payable by each Lodge for each of their Members.

XVII.—No one shall be elevated to the degree of a Royal Ark Mariner for a less sum than Half-a-Guinea, unless by a special dispensation; but Royal Ark Lodges may make such further charge for elevation as the majority of their Members may decide from time to time.

XVIII.—The general accounts shall be audited once a year, if possible, at or before the June meeting, by the Grand Council, who shall have been elected annually by the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, at the February meeting, consisting of the Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe of the Order and five of its members, and who are hereby empowered to act as Grand Council of the Order. A balance sheet shall be printed for distribution, if possible, at the June meeting Grand Lodge, and also sent to every Lodge on the Roll of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of the Royal Ark Mariners.

XIX.—Every Lodge shall make a return of its members through its Scribe immediately after the October meeting of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark

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\* Since altered to 7/6 for the Degrees of Mark Man, Mark Master, Excellent Master, Super-Excellent Master, and Royal Ark Mariner, at the Meeting of the G. L. on the 9th August.

Mariners, with all fees due on any account whatever and if the same shall not have been delivered or paid, as the case may be, for the space of Twelve Calendar Months from the time they are returnable, the members of such Lodge shall not be allowed to vote or be in the present Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.

XX.—The rank of Commander may be conferred by dispensation at special meetings, to be convened by the authority of the Grand Commander, the fee for which shall be One Guinea, or such further sum as may be decided from time to time.

XXI.—The revised rituals, which may be procured under certain necessary restitutions, and at a cost of Half-a-Guinea each, from the Grand Scribe, at the office, 7, Gower Street, W.C., shall be adopted uniformly by every Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, and it shall be the duty of Inspectors-General to take notice of any infraction of this rule.

XXII.—The Badges, Jewels, and other Regalia for each officer or grade in the order, shall be strictly adhered to; and any deviation therefrom immediately reported to the Grand Scribe for the decision of the Grand Lodge.

XXIII.—Previous to the enthronement of the Grand Commander, the presiding officer shall require his assent to the following:—

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will exert your best endeavours to promote the advancement and general good of the Order on all convenient occasions?
2. That you will not acknowledge, or have intercourse with, any Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners

which does not work under a Constitutional Charter from a body recognised by the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners ?

8. That you will ever support and maintain the authority of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, and enforce obedience to its edicts, statutes, and regulations ?
4. That you will bind your successors in office to the observance of these rules, and that you will promise solemnly to observe and practice them faithfully.
5. That you will transfer the Powers for this Grand Lodge pure and uncurtailed as regards its privileges to your successor.

**XXIV.**—No motion tending to alter, add to, or annul, any of these statutes, or any existing statutes, shall be received, unless sent in writing to the Grand Scribe, at least fourteen days before one of the regular meetings of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, when the subject, having been placed on the Agenda, may be considered and discussed, but unless the proposed alterations are supported by at least one-third of those present, they shall not be entertained ; and unless confirmed by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present in the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, at the succeeding regular meeting, they shall not become law.

**XXV.**—Any subject which is not provided for in the foregoing statutes, shall be deemed within the province of the Board of Advice to determine and decide on ; and the edicts of that body shall be considered to possess all the virtue and authority of the general statutes of the Order.

## REGALIA.

*Grand Commander.*—A white silk apron bordered with four-inch rainbow-coloured ribbon ; in its centre the Sun, with rainbow over it ; under the Sun is the Moon with eleven Stars, all in gold, five at the bottom and three on each side, two rows of gold lace, with segmental flap (on which is a Triangle with the letters G.L.M.N.J.S.,) bordered with rainbow-coloured ribbon one inch and a half in width gold lace and fringe ; gold fringe one inch and a half wide all round, crimson silk lining and elastic.

*Collar.*—Rainbow ribbon four inches wide, with gold lace at edges, and on outside edge gold fringe, lined with red silk ; gold button and cord.

*Jewel.*—A Circle, the upper part of which is a Rainbow, underneath which is the Ark on the Waters, and the Dove and the Olive Branch ; regulation pattern gold.

*Collarette.*—The Sun in brilliants, suspended by one inch and a quarter rainbow ribbon, worn nearly close round the neck.

*Deputy Grand Commander.*—Apron the same.

*Collar.*—The same.

*Jewel.*—The same.

*Collarette.*—The Moon in brilliants, suspended by

one inch and a quarter rainbow ribbon, worn nearly close round the neck.

*Representative.*—The same as Deputy G.C.

*Inspector-General.*—Apron the same, but of kid skin without the fringe, and name of Province above the Moon.

*Collar.*—The same, but without the fringe and lining.

*Jewel.*—Segmental, with “Inspector-General” in raised letters.

*Collarette.*—A winged globe suspended by one inch and a quarter rainbow ribbon, worn nearly close round the neck.

*Deputy Inspector-General.*—Apron the same, but with the Ark as a badge, over which is the name of the Province.

*Collar.*—The same.

*Jewel.*—Segmental, with “Deputy Inspector-General” in raised letters

*Senior Grand Warden, J.*—Apron the same, but instead of the Ark and inscription, a dove with olive branch in its mouth, and the letter J within the Triangle on the flap for this Officer only.

*Collar.*—The same, with gold lace on each side, lined with red silk, &c.

*Jewel.*—The letter J, within a triangle.

*Junior Grand Warden, S.*—Apron the same, but the letter S within the Triangle for this Officer only.

*Collar.*—The same.

*Jewel.*—The same, but with the letter S.



All other Grand Officers to wear the rainbow collar four inches wide, with gold button and cord, with the emblem of their office as hereafter set forth, within a triangle, (regulation pattern) as a jewel.

The Apron to be as above, but with the emblem of their office upon it, as hereafter set forth.

Grand Treasurer . . . . .	A Key.
„ Scribe . . . . .	Pens.
„ Registrar . . . . .	A Scroll.
„ Deacons . . . . .	A Triangle.
„ Super. of Works . . . . .	Segment of Circle.
„ Super. of Ceremonies . . . . .	Cross Wands, tied with Ribbon.
„ Sword Bearer . . . . .	Swords within a Tri- angle.
„ Standard Bearer . . . . .	The Standard.
„ Organist . . . . .	A Lyre.
„ Torch Bearers . . . . .	Cross Torches.
„ Guardian . . . . .	Cross Axes.
„ Stewards . . . . .	Cornucopia.
„ Warder . . . . .	Single Axe.

Past Grand Officers the same.

*The Jewel*, which has been authorized by the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, and which every Royal Ark Mason who is registered as being on the Roll of Fraternity, is entitled to wear is a segmental plate, representing a rainbow, suspended from which is a Dove, with an olive branch in its mouth, hanging from a looped white ribbon, one inch and a quarter in width. On the bar is the name of the Lodge, and on an oval plate, fastened on the ribbon, the number of the Lodge, all of silver for a Royal Ark Mariner.

*The Apron* is of white kid, with segmental flap, bordered with rainbow ribbon one inch and quarter in width, and three rosettes in the places where generally fixed.

### FOR COMMANDER.

*Jewel* as above, but with rainbow ribbon the same width.

*Apron* as above, but with three triangles embroidered in silver instead of rosettes.

*Note.*—Where the Commander is a present, or past officer in the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, the metal work of the Jewel should be gilt.

### LODGE FURNITURE, &c.

A Lodge should provide twelve collars for its offices, which shall be of rainbow ribbon four inches broad, with silver button and cord, and twelve jewels for them as follows of silver or white metal within a triangle.

Commander N. . . .	An Ark.
Senior Warden J. . .	The Letter J.
Junior „ S . . .	The Letter S.
Treasurer. . . .	A Key.
Scribe . . . .	Cross Pens.
Senior Deacon . . .	A Triangle.
Junior „ . . .	„ „
Director of Ceremonies	Cross Wands.
Organist . . . .	A Lyre.
Guardian . . . .	Crossed Axes.
Steward . . . .	A Cornucopia.
Warder . . . .	An Axe.

One pedestal is sufficient (but three may be used) of a triangular form. Three sceptres, that for the Commander having a dove with an olive branch in its mouth in silver at the top, and an Axe for the Warder.

The working tools shall consist of a Triangle, with the letters G.L.M.N.J.S. upon it, according to the regulation pattern.

A Pair of Compasses.

A Saw.

An Axe.

A Borer.

Some Branches of Olive.

All of which shall be of silver, or of white metal, and a small cloth for the floor regulation pattern.

A Lodge of Instruction for the Degrees is held at the Lyceum Tavern, Strand, W.C., every Monday evening, at 7 *precisely*, from the 1st of October to the 1st of May, inclusive.



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